

to enter into construction and maintenance of roads and also to run public transport system as suggested by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The private sector is already participating in many areas of the public transportation system. About 2/3rds of the passenger buses in the country are owned and operated by private operators. The private construction companies are playing a dominant role in undertaking road and bridge construction projects, funded by Government. Further ways of associating private sector with the financing of road construction are being examined by Government.

(c) Does not arise.

National Highways in Maharashtra

412. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to widen and develop National Highways passing through Maharashtra especially in backward region of Western Maharashtra, during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH

TYTLER): (a) to (c) Development of National Highways is a continuous process and works are sanctioned keeping in view the traffic intensity, existing conditions of the National Highways, inter se priority on all-India basis and availability of funds. Accordingly for Maharashtra works costing Rs. 325.45 crores including works costing Rs. 53.10 crores in Western Maharashtra have been included in the Annual Plan of works to be sanctioned during 1991-92. Such Annual Plan for 1992-93 is yet to be prepared.

[Translation]

Implementation of One-Rank One Pension Scheme to Ex-Servicemen

413. PROF. PREM DHUMAL :
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR
GANGWAR :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to implement the one-rank, one-pension scheme for the ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) A scheme for the grant of an ad-hoc ex-gratia increase in pension to Armed forces personnel below officer rank who retired before 1-1-1986 was approved by the Government on 1-11-90. The next Government considered the matter but deferred decision on the issue. The entire matter shall

be reviewed, taking the financial, legal and other related aspects in view.

Compensatory Allowance to Employees in Himachal Pradesh

414 PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to give compensatory allowance to the employees of the Central Government and Central Public Sector Undertakings working at present in Himachal Pradesh on the pattern of compensatory allowance being given to the employees of Himachal Pradesh Government;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE):

(a) to (c) Orders for the grant of Special Compensatory (Remote Locality) Allowance to the Central Government employees serving in the State of Himachal Pradesh have been issued on 31-5-91 on the pattern of classification of areas adopted by the State Government. These orders are not applicable to the employees of Public Sector Undertakings who have their own scheme for payment of Compensatory Allowances.

[English]

Increase in Government and Private Borrowings

415. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage increase registered in the Government and private borrowings during the last three years and the latest figures of external debt in foreign exchange;

(b) the amount of money that was to be paid to repay the external debt during 1990 and up to 31 May, 1991 and how much of it was paid; and

(c) the reasons for not maintaining the balance of payments schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR):

(a) The percentage increase/decrease in the external borrowings during the last three years is as follows :

	Government borrowings (Including IMF)	Private borrowings
1988-89	(—)0.25	(—)36.43
1989-90	8.71	45.62
1990-91	78.25	(—)3.51

The above are exclusive of borrowings by public sector undertakings and financial institutions. The total external debt outstanding as on 31st March 1991 is estimated to be US \$ 51493 Million.

(b) The amount to be paid to repay the external debt and paid during 1990 (January to December) and during January to May 91 are estimated to be Rs. 5267 crores and Rs. 2558 crores respectively.

(c) Does not arise.